



President's Board Report *July 12, 2012*

HACU Executive Director Visits SBVC



René Gonzales, Executive Director of HACU (Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities), spent most of the day on Wednesday, June 27th visiting with SBVC staff, faculty, and administrators—including Dr. Larry Buckley and Dr. Nori Sogomonian-Mejia. SBVC recently received the MSI Student Success Collaborative HACU-Walmart grant to assist with student success initiatives across campus. Specifically, the project supports SBVC as a college paired with Community College of Denver for mentoring in team-teaching practices. This \$100,000, 2-year project is allowing SBVC faculty to gain insights and innovations in working together with another instructor to design and deliver their courses; there is also a counseling component to help inform and guide students toward the paired courses if appropriate for their educational plans.

Hardy Brown Prep Visits SBVC

On June 11th, more than 100 elementary and middle school students, along with their teachers, from the Hardy Brown College Prep School, visited SBVC. After a welcome in LA-100, these future college students toured the campus, visiting the Physical Sciences Building, Library, PE/athletic facilities, and more. Modeled after PS7, a high-achieving public charter school in Sacramento that serves pre-dominantly low-income, African-American students, Hardy Brown began operations in 2010.



Inaugural Student Film Showcase Is Blockbuster Hit

Twenty-five filmmakers from schools throughout Southern California showcased their student-created productions at the San Bernardino Valley College Student Film Showcase on Saturday, June 2, 2012.

Rusty Mahmood (Assistant Director of NBC's *The Office* pictured at right) served as the keynote speaker for more than 100 attendees. In his address, Mahmood encouraged students to make connections and challenged them to step out of their comfort zone to learn and progress in their life and careers.



The top 25 student-created films were screened in two different locations on the SBVC campus from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.—including brief question and answer sessions with the filmmakers. From professional editing software to gift cards, more than \$2,000 in prizes were awarded in categories such as: Best Original Screenplay, Best Editing, Best Cinematography, Best Animation, and more (see list of award recipients at valleycollege.edu/filmfestival). Several of the award-winning films will be broadcast in a KVCR schedule later this summer.

Is SBVC Changing its Name to Green Fences University?

Over the last few weeks, hundreds of fence panels have sprung up around campus due to two concurrent construction projects. As you've likely experienced, the number of fences being erected are affecting the walkways, parking lots, and overall landscape of the SBVC campus this summer. Although there will never be a convenient time for these types of intrusive projects, the summer months provide the least amount of foot traffic and disruption to the campus.



The first project is the Central Plant Project which consists of the deep trenching and installing of pipes underneath the campus. Up to 500 lineal feet of piping is being connected each day, and the majority of piping will be fully-installed before the start of the fall semester. Once completed in May 2013, the Central Plant will provide thermal energy storage in two large tanks (to be constructed adjacent to Student Health Services) that will store water chilled overnight, saving electricity. Then, the chilled water will be pumped through the extensive network of new pipes to cool facilities across the campus.

The other project contributing to the invasion of green fences is the Campus Signage/ADA Accessibility Improvement project. Better way-finding signs throughout campus, in the parking lots, and on the edges of campus are coming this fall. Later in the fall, the long-awaited digital marquee right off of Mt. Vernon Avenue will finally make its debut. The other portion of this project will provide better access to students with a disability (sidewalk improvements, additions to forthcoming construction projects, and more).

SBVC Track & Field Places Two on All-American Team

SBVC student-athletes Julian Lopez (Eastvale Eleanor Roosevelt High School) and Shanice Stewart (Rialto Wilmer Amina Carter High School) were named All-American performers based on their performances at the California Track & Field State Finals in May.

In his final season competing for SBVC, Lopez completed the 3000 meter (2.5 miles) steeplechase course in a time of 9:24.90, finishing third overall.

SBVC freshman Shanice Stewart finished 1st in the long jump, 2nd in the women's outdoor heptathlon, and 3rd in the 100-meter hurdles at the Track & Field State Finals, and was named an All-American in each of those events. Stewart's victory in the long jump represented the first individual state title in program history for SBVC Women's Track & Field. She secured the championship and a #3 ranking nationally in the long jump with a leap of 5.58 meters (just over 18 feet). Earlier in the year, Stewart established school records in the women's heptathlon, the javelin, and the 100 meter hurdles.

Stewart finished second overall in the women's outdoor heptathlon which consists of the following seven events, with the first four contested on the first day, and the remaining three on day two: 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200-meter dash, long jump, javelin throw, and 800-meter run. Stewart's final All-American performance was a third-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles. Stewart ended the year ranked number two nationally in the heptathlon and ranked fifth nationally in the 100 meter hurdle



Puppets, Elephants, Tea, Police, and Flowers? Highlights from the Spring Semester at the SBVC Child Development Center

Throughout the spring semester, the SBVC Child Development Center was bustling with exciting and developmentally appropriate activities for hundreds of young children. Over the spring semester, they celebrated Dia De Los Ninos in partnership with M.E.C.h.A. that provided children with many opportunities to be exposed to music and literacy that were not only fun and interactive, but culturally diverse.



The children also took a field trip to the Los Angeles Zoo, which allowed for a hands-on learning experience where they used their five senses to explore animals in an age-appropriate learning environment. These experiences directly correlated with concepts and ideas the children are currently learning in their classrooms and helped to create a concrete understanding of how animals look, sound, and smell.

On Earth Day, children planted flowers in front of the Child Development Center. The children were taught the life cycle of the flower and learned the different elements the flowers required to live, grow, and thrive. Weeks later they were still watering and weeding their planters and recognizing the importance of taking care of the Earth and its very precious commodities.

The toddlers were treated to the Frank Haynes Marionette show which incorporates dramatic play and language development. Also, the SBCCD Police Department made a presentation on safety and the importance of community workers and resources.

Finally, the CDC celebrated one of the most important people in the childrens' young lives with the 1st annual "Mother's Day Tea." The CDC hosted morning tea for 200+ mothers in what turned out to be a very loving and successful event. The children baked cookies, decorated together and were treated to a wide variety of refreshments and entertainment. It has been a wonderful semester and a fun, interactive, and educational summer is already underway.



Grants Office Corral More Than \$6.6 Million in 2011-2012

The last year at SBVC has seen a quantum leap forward in terms of grant projects approved and awarded by federal, state, and private agencies. The Office of Grant Development and Management under the leadership of Dr. Kathleen Rowley, assisted by Ms. Girija Raghavan, Accountant, and grant writer, Ms. Lauren McSherry, has brought in more than \$6.6 million in this twelve-month period. Here is a brief recap:

Student Success Initiative funded by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) in partnership with Walmart - The project supports San Bernardino Valley College as a college paired with Community College of Denver for mentoring in team-teaching practices. This \$100,000, 2-year project is allowing SBVC faculty to gain insights and innovations in working together with another instructor to design and deliver their courses; there is also a counseling component to help inform and guide students toward the paired courses if appropriate for their educational plans. The project director for this grant is Dr. Nori Sogomonian.

HSI STEM and Articulation Program - The US Department of Education's focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) led to this grant that was awarded in partnership with Cal State San Bernardino to provide services and support for transfer students. This cooperative grant is entitled PASS GO – so Valley students PASS their STEM and other classes here and GO on to higher education at CSUSB or any other 4-year university! The grant provides funding of \$5,493,092 over five years taking students from the basic skill level math courses all the way to graduation and/or transfer. It increases student support services, including supplemental instruction, extended night and weekend hours in tutoring at the Student Success Center, and adds learning communities and STEM-specific counselors who help guide students in their choices of academic and career directions. The project director for this grant is: Dr. Stephanie Briggs.

Middle College High School – This grant is the first that SBVC has had funded for MCHS by the California Community College Chancellor's Office. The award of \$85,000 acknowledges the success SBVC has had in conducting the Middle College High School since 2001 in partnership with the San Bernardino City Unified School District. One key area the funding will support is a counselor at SBVC. The Project Director for this grant is the Dr. Gloria Fisher.

MSEIP (Minority Science and Engineering Program) – In partnership with UC Riverside and Cal State San Bernardino, this grant of about \$690,000 over 3 years focuses on science education and providing continuing activities for students during the summer. It includes opportunities for students to participate in research in UCR engineering labs and in Cal State's Summer Teacher Institute for those students who intend to continue on as teachers of science and math. This project will also use supplemental instruction, a kind of intensive tutoring where student leaders work with faculty to provide students with extra support for those demanding STEM courses. The Project Director for this grant is Dr. Susan Bangasser.

National Science Foundation Advanced Technological Education (NSF ATE) – This grant in the amount of \$199,273 will fund activities and programs in Water Supply Technology. This project will provide funding support for additional outreach for bringing women and other underrepresented students into this high wage emerging career field and will also support faculty development. It will offer internship opportunities to students with several water agencies in the region. The Project Director for this grant is Achala Chatterjee.

Many more grants are in the pipeline awaiting approval—including projects in the areas of international education and foreign language, student mental health, an individual Title V (submitted in 2012) and state Chancellor's Office grant for Career Technical Education.